

RUSSIAN TROOPS FAIL TO STRIKE

ROUMANIA STILL WAVERS IN POLICY

While Greece Stands Out for Its Sovereign Right in Negotiations with the Allies.

GREEK PRESS IS WRONG
Paris War Council Work is Quite Gratifying to the City of London.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—No solution has yet been reached of affairs in the Balkans. Russian troops, though long poised for action near the frontier of Rumania, have not yet, so far as is known, left their own territory. Rumania's policy still is one of wavering and the Greek situation, despite diplomatic parleys and all sorts of reports of a successful settlement, remains undeveloped.

According to latest reports from Athens both the Entente group of powers and the Greek government are holding their ground—the Entente reiterating its demands, and Greece refusing to make concessions inconsistent with its sovereign right.

Press Views Wrong.
An official communication has been issued at Athens to the effect that the Greek press does not represent the views of the Hellenic government, which is said to be optimistic regarding a successful settlement, but the ground for the optimism, which has failed to impress the newspapers and public either at Athens or in London is not given.

Premier Skoufoulis again conferred yesterday with King Constantine, who afterward received the French minister to Greece, discussing the situation at some length.

Since most of the questions pending are of a military nature, the impression is general that their solution depends upon the decision of the war council at Paris.

Gratifying Signs.
The war council at Paris on Saturday together with the text of Italy's adhesion to the pact of London, agreeing not to conclude a separate peace, and the arrival in Paris of General Porro, second in command of the Italian army, are regarded here as gratifying signs of the increasing solidarity of the Entente Allies, and it is hoped by the British public that this closer union will soon bear fruit in a more energetic Balkan campaign.

The Bulgarians announce a further pursuit of Serbian forces through Albanian territory. The retreat of the Serbians is reported to have assumed the character of a precipitate flight along the Bell Drini river towards Scutari. Further north the Austrians report that the Montenegrins fighting on their frontiers have been repulsed after offering violent resistance.

On the other fronts only sporadic artillery duels and small engagements of local importance are reported.

FRANCE NOT TO MAKE PEACE FOR LONG TIME

PARIS, Dec. 6.—France will not make peace until Alsace and Lorraine are won, Belgium and Serbia restored and German imperialism and Prussian militarism put beyond the possibility of resurrection.

Albert Thomas, under secretary of war, said yesterday. The declaration of Mr. Thomas is attracting widespread attention, as it is one of the first statements from a responsible cabinet official regarding the attitude of the government in regard to peace.

PERITONITIS
Causes the Death of Thomas Houghton, Employee of the Pittsburg Glass Co.

Thomas Houghton, aged 52 years, an employee of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, at Norwood, died in a local hospital at 8 o'clock Sunday night, following an operation for appendicitis.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Margaret Houghton, of McDonald, and Mary Houghton, of New Albans, Ind.; daughters; James and H. J. Houghton, of New Albans, Ind.; brothers; and Mrs. Margaret Hutt, Misses Rebecca and Jane Houghton, of New Albans, Ind.; Mrs. E. A. James, of Bradford, Pa.; and Mrs. H. G. Ragan, of Cellarsburg, Ind., sisters.

Mr. Houghton came to this city when the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company was started, from New Albans, Ind., and while here has made a large number of friends who were pained to hear of his death.

MEETINGS
Are to Be Held Here Tomorrow by the Prohibition Party.

Three Prohibition party meetings will be held in the city Tuesday. The state executive committee will meet at 10:30 o'clock a. m. in the Parsons hotel. A conference will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon in the county commissioners' room in the court and a mass meeting will be held in the circuit court room at 7:30 o'clock at night to be addressed by National Secretary Henshaw, of Chicago.

DAVIS FUNERAL

Services Held at Home Here and Burial in a Salem Cemetery.

Mark Davis, aged 80 years, died at 12 o'clock midnight Sunday night, following a lingering illness of complication of diseases incident to old age. A funeral service is scheduled to be at the home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon and the funeral party will go to Salem on the 3:30 accommodation train and the burial will be in a Salem cemetery.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Miss Anna Davis, of this city; Mrs. Virginia Evers, of Florida; Mrs. J. D. Newhouse, of Flemington; and Miss Myrtle Davis, at home, home daughters; Newton Davis, of Long Run; Otto D. Davis, of Parkersburg; and Mingo Davis, of Pitkin Mines, are sons.

MINER JAILED

By Deputy Sheriffs under a Charge of Selling Liquors.

John Lowe, a coal miner employed at the Vincent mine east of the city, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Justice Jackson V. Carter, on a charge of bootlegging whiskey.

Lowe was arrested Sunday night in his abode at the mining settlement by Deputy Sheriffs Laco Wolfe and John Siers. The officers seized eleven pints of whiskey and two quarts of rum in the place and took it to the county jail. Information had been lodged with authorities that Lowe had been selling whiskey at the mining settlement.

Justice Carter has set the hearing of the case for 7:30 o'clock Monday evening.

"UNCLE" JOE CANNON IS BACK IN HARNESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Congress is in session again after a nine months recess. Both houses reassembled today, marking the beginning of the sixty-fourth Congress.

Much important business faces the members. Since the gavel last fell in the two houses, many momentous questions have arisen. Overshadowing all others are those caused by the European war, but they do not compose the entire program. In addition to the questions of national defense and revenues, which fall naturally under the general head of preparedness, the merchant marine and rural credits legislation promise to command much attention. Many investigations centering mainly about war problems are to be inaugurated, and an interesting fight will ensue in the Senate over a proposed cloture rule.

The first business before the House today was the election of a speaker. South Trimble, the clerk, called the body to order. Members then proceeded to the election of the speaker. The Democratic majority made the re-election of Champ Clark, of Missouri, a foregone conclusion. Representative Mann, of Illinois, the Republican candidate for speaker, was the choice of the Republicans for their leader.

Two hundred and twenty-nine Democrats, 137 Republicans, six Progressives, one Socialist and one Independent composed the new house. The recent death of Representative Witherspoon has caused one vacancy and reduced the Democratic majority to twenty-four. The dozen or more Republicans of the "old guard" who went down in defeat three years ago only (Continued on page 2.)

I. WILBUR PIGOTT CLAIMED BY DEATH

Well Known Resident of the City Dies in His Room in Colonial Building.

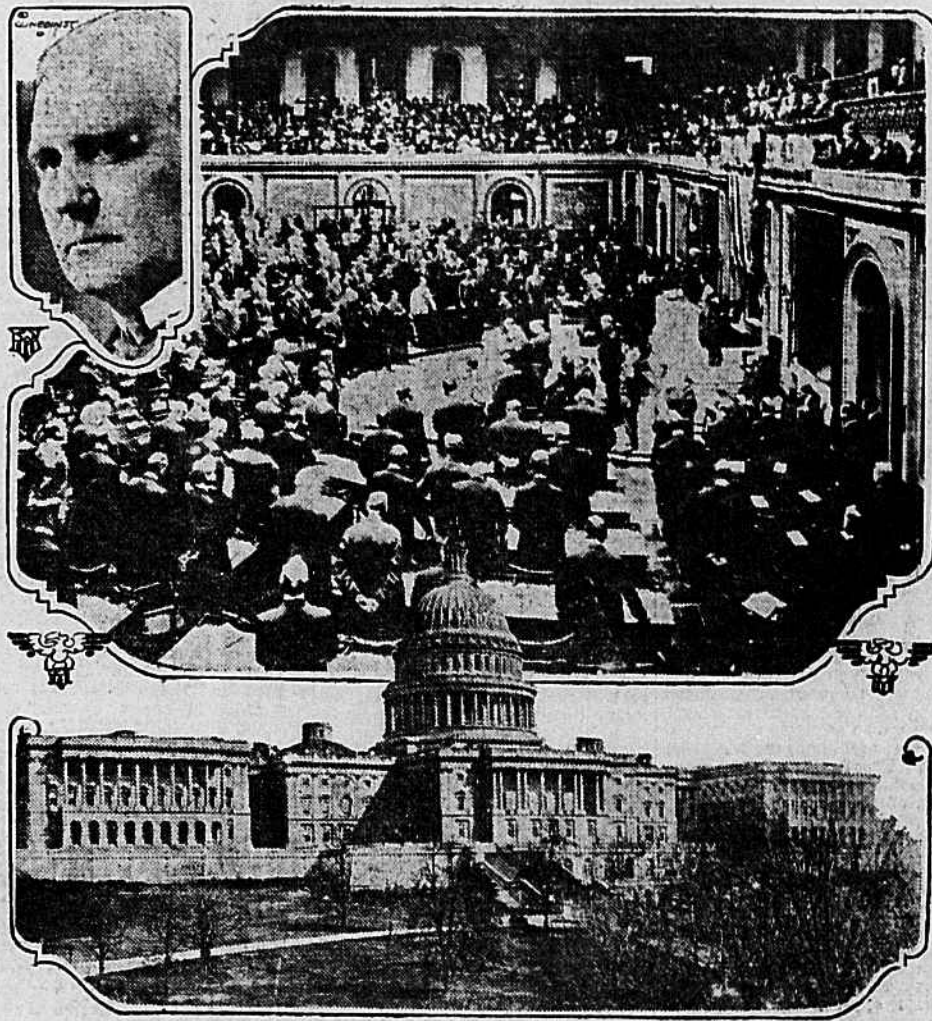
J. Wilbur Pigott, aged 43 years, a well-known resident of the city, died Sunday night at his room in the Colonial building after an illness of complication of diseases.

Mr. Pigott was born in April, 1872, on Cunningham run, this county and has lived in this county all his life. When a young man he educated himself as a school teacher and taught school at the Robinson run school house for a number of years. He then came to this city and was engaged in the drug business with A. J. Smith, under the firm name of Pigott and Smith. Later when Mr. Smith went south he conducted the business himself. After retiring from the drug business, Mr. Pigott worked in the assessor's office while his brother, Ernest L. Pigott, was assessor. For several years he had not been actively engaged in any business.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are his mother, Mrs. Amanda H. Pigott, of Shinnston; Mrs. Omer Swiger, of Wallace; and Mrs. S. A. Flowers of this city, sisters; and Chester Pigott, of Binghamton, and Ernest L. Pigott, of Shinnston, brothers.

Mr. Pigott was a prominent member of the Clarksburg lodge of Elks, and one of its past exalted rulers. He was also a member of the Grand lodge of Elks.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., IS INSPECTING SOME MINING PROPERTIES IN THIS REGION



Speaker Champ Clark, House of Representatives in session and U. S. capitol.

Accompanied by Many Notables, He Spends Half an Hour Here.

OIL KING PRAISES THE CITY
Says He is Greatly Surprised at Size of Cities in This Section.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., one of the world's richest men, was a visitor in Clarksburg for half an hour this morning. He was a member of a party of officials of the Consolidation Coal Company that is making an inspection trip of the company's mines in this section.

A special car brought the party from Fairmont to this city, arriving here at 10 o'clock. The car was taken over the city lines, and at 10:30 left for Shinnston, where the party inspected mines this afternoon. Lunch was served at the Owings mine, near Shinnston.

The schedule called for the arrival of the party in Fairmont at 5 o'clock. Mr. Rockefeller is to be entertained at dinner this evening at "Fairmont Farms," the home of ex-Senator Clarence W. Watson.

The oil king expressed himself as greatly surprised at the size of Clarksburg. "I didn't know you had a big city like this," he said. The new Fourth street bridge, now nearing completion, attracted the attention of the millionaire. "A beautiful bridge," was his compliment to the structure. "The city must be prosperous to put up a structure like that," he said.

Mr. Rockefeller did not leave the car while he was in this city, but from the car window he took notice of the building operations underway along the route the car traversed. The special stopped a few minutes at mine No. 25 of the Consolidated Coal Company in the East End section of the city, but none of the party left the car, all contending themselves with looking at the tipples through the windows.

The car stopped only a few minutes at the local interurban station. Just long enough for officials of the traction company to get on board. The route traversed by the car in this city was from the station up Fourth street to West Main, thence on Main around the loop in the East End, and back on Pike to the interurban station.

Mr. Rockefeller came direct from New York to Fairmont, arriving at the latter place at 5 o'clock this morning. He is travelling in his private car. From 8 to 9 o'clock he was a guest at the Fairmont offices of the Consolidation Coal Company. The special car left Fairmont at 9 o'clock, making no stops enroute to Clarksburg.

The primary object of the oil king's visit to this region is to inspect mine properties, in which he is interested, at Binghamton and on Helen's run. The Western Maryland railroad, which is controlled by Mr. Rockefeller, is planning to construct spur lines to the Consolidation Coal Company mines at these points, and the oil king desired to inspect the properties before the construction work is commenced.

So delighted was the multi-millionaire with the country in this section, that he expressed a desire to return here in warmer weather.

"I'm going to try to come back to this country next summer," he told newspapermen. "I know these hills would be beautiful in the summer time."

Mr. Rockefeller was both surprised and pleased to learn that a number of miners in this section are the owners of their own homes. He was also pleased to learn of the large number of schools in this section.

Jere H. Wheelwright, of Baltimore, president of the Consolidation Coal Company, Carl G. Gray, of Baltimore, president of the Western Maryland railroad, and ex-Senator Clarence W. Watson, of Fairmont, were other notables in the inspection party. In addition to many officials of the coal company, there were a number of newspapermen on board the car.

Mr. Rockefeller seemed greatly interested in every kind of development work in this section. He asked questions freely of those sitting near him. "I want to know something about this section," he said.

Those in the party besides Mr. Rockefeller were Brooks Fleming, Jr., of Fairmont, assistant manager of the West Virginia division of the Consolidation Coal Company; G. M. Alexander, of Fairmont, general counsel for the Consolidation Coal Company; Jere H. Wheelwright, of Baltimore, president of the Consolidation Coal Company; Carl G. Gray, of Baltimore, president of the Western Maryland railroad; ex-Senator Clarence W. Watson, of Fairmont; Joseph Lehman and Earl Smith, of the Fairmont Times; H. H. Watson, of Fairmont, manager of the West Virginia division of the Consolidation Coal Company; E. B. Moore, of Fairmont, assistant general manager of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company; Harry B. Crane, of Fairmont, special engineer of the Consolidation Coal Company; Lawson Riggs, of Fairmont, assistant chief engineer of the Consolidation Coal Company; W. G. Weigle, of the Fairmont West Virginia; A. K. Watson, of Fairmont, purchasing agent of the Consolidation Coal Company; George T. Watson, vice president of the Consolidation Coal Company; John Gordon Smyth, of Fairmont, chief engineer of all divisions of the Consolidation Coal Company; F. R. Lyons, of Fairmont, manager of operations of all divisions of the Consolidation Coal Company; R. L. Kingland, of Fairmont, superintendent of the car mechanical department of the Consolidation Coal Company; R. G. Rightmire, of Fairmont, chief chemist of the Consolidation Coal Company; Walter Stockley, of Fairmont, superintendent of the Fairmont Mining Machine Company; Frank Neely, manager of stores of the Consolidation Coal Company; Frank H. Hays, of Fairmont, consulting engineer of the Consolidation Coal Company; Calvin Carlton, of Fairmont, superintendent of mines of the Consolidation Coal Company; Frank K. Day, of Fairmont, chief engineer of the West Virginia division of the Consolidation Coal Company, and Fred Aluber, of Baltimore, private secretary to Mr. Wheelwright.

REASONS
Why Request for Recall of Attaches Are Asked for by Count Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Count von Bernstorff today presented to the state department a communication asking for the reasons for the request for the withdrawal of Captain Day and Captain von Fapen, the German naval and military attaches respectively. It was stated authoritatively though not in the communication that the ambassador would under no consideration withdraw the attaches to get safe conduct for the attaches. The German government was represented as considering it incumbent on the United States to return the attaches in safety to German territory and bring their spouses home.

CONGRESS HOLDS OPENING SESSION

Which is Brief and Will Not Get Down to Work until the Address is Read.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Congress reassembled at noon today for what promises to be the most important and historic session of a generation.

Proceedings in both House and Senate were brief, being confined entirely to organization and formal introduction of some bills and resolutions. In accordance with custom both soon adjourned and sent a committee to formally notify President Wilson that Congress was in session.

Tomorrow the real work of the session begins when President Wilson delivers his annual message to a joint session assembled in the hall of the House.

Speaker Clark was reelected and sworn in amid cheers from the floor and galleries. In the Senate the organization was perfected by the re-election of Senator Clark of Arkansas as president pro tempore.

Vice President Marshall was not in the chair for the opening. In his opening address to the House, the speaker paid tribute to Republican Leader Mann and predicted a practically continuous session hereafter.

"I am profoundly grateful to you at this high honor of the speakership thrice conferred by your friendship and partiality," he said. "I thank the Democrats for their personal good will which has attended me all my days here. By reason of the amazing growth of our beloved country and the bewildering increase in business the time is in sight when the Congress will remain practically in perpetual session. I hope this Congress will go in history as a working Congress."

The Senate floor and galleries represented the usual scenes. James H. Baker, the secretary, called the session to order and the chaplain prayed for divine guidance, for the preservation of peace at home and its restoration abroad.

Thirty-two newly elected senators were then sworn in.

TROTTER SPEAKS.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Acting President Frank B. Trotter, of the West Virginia University has been in Washington for several days attending a meeting of leading educators of the United States. At their big banquet at the Raleigh Dr. Trotter made an excellent impression with an address on an assigned topic relating to educational work.

EARTH SHOCKS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
ROME, Dec. 6.—Earth shocks were felt at 2 o'clock Sunday morning in Laturum and Foll. Frosinone, Genoa, Capri and Tivoli. There was neither loss of life nor damage to property.

BEAUTIFUL SERVICE FOR DECEASED ELKS ARE HELD LOCALLY

Masterly Address by Prominent Member of the New York and Grand Lodges.

Memorial day for the year, 1915, was fittingly observed Sunday afternoon by the Clarksburg lodge of Elks in the Robinson Grand theater. There was a large attendance of the membership of the lodge and order together with friends and relatives of deceased members in memory of whom the services were held.

The ceremonies were pronounced especially impressive and a pleasing program was carried out, including music by the Orpheus octet, so skillfully directed by A. J. Smith, one of Clarksburg's most noted musicians, and the Cadenza orchestra under the able direction of A. P. Hall.

Stage arrangements were most pleasing, credit for which should be given largely to A. J. Smith, chairman of the general memorial committee, who gave untiring personal attention to the same. Floral decorations were the artistic work of the local house of the Webers, famous florists, while the electrical effects were by Hal Corbin, well known electrical artist. Opera house employees and others aided materially in arranging the stage and the lodge is under obligations to the Home Furnishing Company and the Starford-Cook Company for furnishings and other apparatus.

The feature of the observance was a brilliant address by William T. Phillips, member of the New York and grand lodges, in both of which he holds great prominence. The address was an eloquent review of the history

of the order, from its inception, a pleasing presentation of its object, "charity, justice and brotherly love with an unflinching fidelity," an inspiring tribute to the order's achievements in benevolence and fraternal triumph. Mr. Phillips had the rare attention of not only all members of the order but also all the many other persons present, all of whom are effulgent in praise. Clarksburg has had a number of brilliant men as Elks memorial speakers, but all local members say that "Mr. Phillips is the best yet."

The Rev. Dr. E. B. Turner acted as chaplain at the services in a manner very much appreciated by the lodge members.

The day's program was as follows: Prelude.....Cadenza orchestra
Opening memorial service.....
"Send Out Thy Light".....W. C. Morrison, E. R.
Responsive service.....Orpheus octet
Opening ode—"Auld Lang Syne".....Lodge officers
Invocation.....Orpheus octet
The Rev. Dr. E. B. Turner
"Beyond This Land of Wee".....Orpheus octet
Memorial address.....Brother William T. Phillips
New York Lodge No. 1
"Let Them Rest".....Orpheus octet
Closing ceremonies.....Lodge officers
"Now the Day is Over".....Orpheus octet
Benediction (audience standing).....
The Rev. Dr. E. B. Turner
Orpheus octet—Tenors: W. B. Franz, J. M. Shinn, R. E. Gill and A. J. Smith. Baritone: Henry Coyne, J. M. Knox, W. Lee Williams and John Kane.

Modern Building May Replace Burned Hotel

Judge C. W. Lynch, Owner, Arrives Here to Look after Insurance Adjustment.

Judge Charles W. Lynch, of Charleston, member of the state supreme court, is in the city for the purpose of looking after adjustment of the insurance he had on the Walker House building on West Pike street, which he owned and which was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

mind as to what kind until the fire insurance is adjusted.

Only slight bruises and cuts were received by the two hotel guests who jumped from second-story front windows at the time of the fire. They are Lloyd Moore, an oil well tool dresser, of Cairo; and F. C. Smith, of Webster Springs. Thorough inspection of the ruins of the building after the flames were quenched, by L. O. Huffman, fire chief, disclosed that none of the occupants of the hotel had been burned to death or suffocated, as was feared at the time the fire was raging.

Praise is heard on all sides over the splendid work of the city fire department at the fire. When the department arrived flames were shooting high in the air, but in a remarkably short space of time Chief Huffman had the fire surrounded and was pouring a deluge of water upon the blaze. Within a very short time the flames were subdued.